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Details regarding fisheries.

* 79 *Q.*—Sri K. MANATHUNAINATHA DESIGAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(*a*) the following details regarding fishery, namely, catches, export, transport and preservation in order to find out the extent of the use of ' fish ' as food;

(*b*) the details of the scheme sanctioned in 1949 to collect statistics about fishing from Malabar;

(*c*) the present stage of the scheme; and

(*d*) whether statistics have been collected from other important fishing centres in this State also and if so, with what results?

The Hon. Sri J. L. P. ROCHE VICTORIA :—(*a*) *to* (*d*) The answer [a] to the question is placed on the table of the House."

Dr. SYED TAJUDDIN :—" May I know how many centres of refrigeration have so far been provided in this State for preserving fish? "

The Hon. Sri J. L. P. ROCHE VICTORIA :—" If a reference is made to the statement placed on the table of the House on this question, it will be found that the Government have purchased two units of ice-plants *cum* cold stores for installation at Mangalore and Kozhikode. Two ice-plants have also been purchased. The plants have not yet begun to work."

Janab K. T. M. AHAMED IBRAHIM :—" Are the Government aware of the opinion expressed by a certain gentleman from Bengal that freshwater fish is not being appreciated by people of this State and therefore they may be exported to Bengal? "

The Hon. Sri J. L. P. ROCHE VICTORIA :—" I have not heard of any such remark. But I may inform the hon. Member that we want more freshwater fish to meet the needs of the people of this State."

Janab K. T. M. AHAMED IBRAHIM :—" Has the attention of the Government been drawn to the fact that people of this State do have great appetite for freshwater fish? "

Mr. CHAIRMAN :—" Is it not a question for supplying information? "

Janab K. T. M. AHAMED IBRAHIM :—" I am only following the ruling given by the Chair. In view of the fact that the people in the interior have got a great liking for freshwater fish, may I suggest to the Government not to export any of these fish outside the Madras State, especially when there is a great demand for the same here, on the plea that the people of this State do not like them? "

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THE HON. SRI J. L. P. ROCHE VICTORIA :—" We are not exporting anything from any place except from certain surplus border areas where it is not possible to transport them, or store them and in cases where there may be heavy stocks. Even in such cases, they are exported only to a certain extent. As a rule, whatever is caught in the State is being used in State itself."

JANAB K. T. M. AHAMED IBRAHIM :—" My question referred to Mettur fish."

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" It is within the Madras State, I suppose."

DR. SYED TAJUDDIN :—" May I know whether any refregeration vans are running up and down for carrying fish? "

THE HON. SRI J. L. P. ROCHE VICTORIA :—" Yes, Sir. Several vans are there; they are not refrigeration vans but vans which carry ice boxes with fish."

DR. SYED TAJUDDIN :—" Will not refrigeration vans be more useful and better serve the purpose? "

THE HON. SRI J. L. P. ROCHE VICTORIA :—" Yes, Sir, we are now considering the question of constructing regular refrigeration vans."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether the Government have proposals to redouble their efforts to increase the fish supplies? "

THE HON. SRI J. L. P. ROCHE VICTORIA :—" Yes, Sir, we are redoubling our efforts every day."

DR. SYED TAJUDDIN :—" Have the Government taken any steps with regard to deep-sea fishing? "

THE HON. SRI J. L. P. ROCHE VICTORIA :—" Deep-sea fishing has got several difficulties, such as suitability of vessels and so on. But that question is also being considered under our present scheme."

DR. SYED TAJUDDIN :—" Will it not be advisable for the Government to get some people from Japan, who are experts in this line, so that they may be of great assistance to the Government in the matter of augmenting the supply of fish in this State? "

THE HON. SRI J. L. P. ROCHE VICTORIA :—" At present some Japanese trawlers are in Indian waters on the western side near Bombay and they are expected to come to our coasts gradually. When they come here, we will arrange to train some of our assistants in deep-sea fishing and connected matters."

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JANAB K. T. M. AHAMED IBRAHIM :—" Have the Government purchased any vessels for deep-sea fishing? "

THE HON. SRI J. L. P. ROCHE VICTORIA :—" Not yet, Sir. But there is a scheme with regard to this which will be taken up as soon as our finances permit and as soon as the Government of India and the F.A.O. (the Food and Agricultural Organization) give us the necessary finances."

JANAB K. T. M. AHAMED IBRAHIM :—" Have the Government any information about the reported availability of a vessel in Bombay? "

THE HON. SRI J. L. P. ROCHE VICTORIA :—" No information, Sir."

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II.—POINT OF ORDER.

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" Sir, before we proceed to the next item on the Agenda, may I raise a point of order? I find that Hon. Sri Sitarama Reddi is taking part in the proceedings of the House here. I am not saying anything against personalities. His name has been gazetted as a Member of Parliament in Delhi. In other words, the right to sit in the House of the People had already accrued to him. Now he is also sitting in the Council and participating in its proceedings. Does that not violate the principle that a person could not sit and participate in the proceedings of the State and Central Legislatures simultaneously? There is the constitutional provision enabling a person who has not been elected to the Legislature to hold office as Minister, but here, the question relates to participation by the same Member in the proceedings of two Houses by holding office as State Minister. I once again like to repeat that I do not want to discuss personalities, but only want your ruling as to whether it is in order for the Hon. Minister to attend both the Houses and participate in their proceedings."

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" So far as I know, I am sure the Hon. Minister will not take part in the proceedings of two Houses here and in Delhi. The moment he goes to the other House, he will vacate his Ministership here. He is not going to take any further part in the proceedings of the House to-day. Anyhow, if I remember right, I think the Government have examined this question and have come to the conclusion that the Hon. Minister can be a Minister here till he takes his oath as Member of Parliament. I would, however, like to hear the Hon. Minister in this matter."

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" Sir, the question was examined by the Madras Government and was also referred to the Government of India. We are advised that I can continue here as Minister till I take the oath as Member of the House of the People or exercise my option of resigning membership of that House and get elected here."